

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are currently pending in this application. As indicated above, Claim 1 has been amended, and Claims 4-7 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kikinis* (U.S. 6,243,596) in view of *Tsukamoto et al.* (U.S. 5,005,013) and further in view of *Lagoni et al.* (U.S. 6,141,058) and further in view of *Porco* (U.S. 4,873,712), and Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kikinis* in view of *Tsukamoto* and further in view of *Lagoni* and further in view of *Porco*, and further in view of *Hofmann et al.* (U.S. 4,427,847).

As indicated above, Claims 4-7 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of Claims 4-7 are moot.

With regard to independent Claim 1, which was rejected as being unpatentable over the combination of *Kikinis*, *Tsukamoto*, *Lagoni*, and *Porco*. However, as indicated above, independent Claim 1 has been amended to more specifically recite the three distinct incoming call alarm modes, which it is respectfully submitted are not taught in any of the Examiner's cited art.

More specifically, according to the present invention, it is possible to preset the incoming call alarm modes. Further, when an incoming call is received, the preset incoming call alarm mode is checked. If the first incoming mode is preset, the TV phone is automatically switched from the TV mode to the phone mode. In addition, if the second incoming mode is preset, the TV phone is

switched on and off, at a predetermined interval, the audio signal outputted from the TV mode and then the user is informed of an incoming call state acoustically. Further, if the third incoming mode is preset, the TV phone displays an incoming call character message or a graphic message at a specific region of the TV image viewing screen or a phone informing incoming calling, and then the user is informed of an incoming call state.

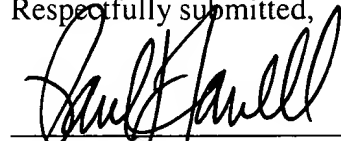
In view of the foregoing, the present invention presets the incoming call alarm mode. If the incoming call is generated during a television mode, the user is informed of an incoming call state according to at least a preset one of said three incoming call modes.

However, according to *Porco*, when the phone operates, the audio system does not work. Further, when the phone does not operate, the audio system operates. Therefore, *Porco* only teaches automatic conversion between the above-mentioned states. Accordingly, the cited references could not analogously teach the feature of the present invention, i.e., to switch the mode, switch off and on, at a predetermined interval, display an incoming call character message or a preset graphic message from the preset incoming alarm mode.

Without considering the patentability of dependent Claims 2-3, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable over *Kikinis* in view of *Tsukamoto* and further in view of *Lagoni* and further in view of *Porco* and further in view of *Hofmann*, as being dependent upon Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the pending claims, i.e., Claims 1-3, is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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